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Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

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Re: February 25, 2019 FOIA Request (Ref. No. DOJ-2019-002653)

Dear Mr. Hibbard:

This letter is in response to the Department of Justice's ("DOJ") March 29, 2019 letter (received April 4, 2019) requesting an extension of time to respond to the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, Muslim Advocates, and the International Refugee Assistance Project's ("Requestors") request under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6), Reference Number DOJ-2019-002653.

DOJ extended its time to respond to Requestors' request because of the "unusual circumstances" of having to consult with or search another Office to respond to the request. *See* 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii). With this 10-day extension, DOJ's response to Requestor's request became due on April 1, 2019. Yet nearly three months after this deadline, DOJ's online FOIA tracker indicates that the request is still in the "processing" phase and remains "under agency review." Requestors have received neither responsive records nor a timeline for DOJ's processing and release of responsive records. Indeed, Requestors have heard nothing from DOJ since its April 2019 request for additional processing time.

Please provide a timeline by which DOJ expects to be able to respond to Requestor's request immediately. We are willing to work with DOJ to ensure the prompt processing and release of responsive records but cannot do until we hear from DOJ as to the status of the agency's response. As you know, under FOIA, an agency's failure to respond within the statutory time limit of twenty (20) working days, or thirty (30)

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working days in the case of a ten-day extension, may be treated as a denial. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A); (C).

We look forward to receiving further information on the status of DOJ's response. Please contact Sean Riordan at sriordan@aclunc.org or Elyssa Romino at elyssa.romino@pillsburylaw.com should you have any questions in the meantime.

Sincerely,

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